
BOARD MEETINGS/REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

“Meeting” means the convening of the Board as the governing body of the district in order to make a decision or to deliberate toward a decision on any matter. The Board has the authority to act only when a quorum is present at a duly called regular or special meeting. Communications between and among a quorum of members convening on electronically linked personal computers or by telephone conference call are subject to the Public Meetings Law.

1. Regular Meetings

All regular and special meetings of the Board are open to the public except as provided by law. All meetings will be conducted in compliance with state statutes and will be held within the boundaries of the district. No meeting will be held at any place where discrimination on the basis of disability, race, creed, color, sex, age or national origin is practiced.

If requested to do so at least 48 hours before a meeting held in public, the Board shall provide an interpreter for hearing-impaired persons. Other appropriate auxiliary aids and services will be provided upon request and appropriate advance notice. Communications with all qualified individuals with disabilities shall be as effective as communications with others.

The first regular meeting after July 1 of each year will be an organizational meeting to elect Board officers for the coming year and to establish the year’s schedule of Board meetings, unless a special meeting is called for these purposes.

One regular Board meeting will normally be held each month. The meeting schedule will be established at the organizational meeting in July but may be changed by the Board with proper notice. The purpose of each monthly meeting will be to conduct the regular business of the Board. The Board chairman will conduct the meeting or, in his/her absence, the vice-chairman will conduct the meeting; If both are absent, the member with the longest period of service on the Board will conduct the meeting.

2. Electronic Communication

E-mail to, by, and among Board members, in their capacity as Board members, shall not be used for the purpose of discussing district business. E-mail among Board members shall be limited to: (1) disseminating information, and (2) messages not involving deliberation, debate, or decision-making. E-mail may contain:

- a. Agenda item suggestions;
- b. Reminders regarding meeting times, dates, and places;
- c. Board meeting agendas or information concerning agenda items;
- d. One-way information from Board members or superintendent to each Board member (e.g., an article on student achievement or to share a report on district progress on goals);
- e. Individual responses to questions posed by community members, subject to other limitations in Board policy.

E-mails sent to Board members will have the following notice:

Important: Please do not reply or forward this e-mail if this communication constitutes a decision or deliberation toward a decision between and among a quorum of a governing body which could be considered a public meeting. E-mails on district business are governed by public records law.

3. Private or Social Meetings

Private or social meetings of a quorum for the purpose of making a decision or to deliberate toward a decision on any matter are prohibited by the Public Meetings Law.

4. Adjourned Meetings

A Board meeting may be adjourned to another time if a quorum is not present or if additional business needs to be conducted at the regular time of adjournment. The time, date and place of the meeting will be specified and appropriate notice given.

All meetings held in public shall comply with the Oregon Indoor Clean Air Act and the smoking provisions contained in the Public Meeting Laws.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 174.104
ORS Chapter 192
ORS Chapter 193
ORS 332.045-332.111
ORS 433.835-433.875

38 Op Atty Gen 1995 (1978).
41 Op Atty Gen 28 (1980).

Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. Sections 12101-12213; 29 CFR Part 1630 (2000); 28 CFR Part 35 (2000).

Cross Reference(s):

BDB-Special and Emergency Board Meetings
BDC-Executive Sessions
BDDA-Notification of Board Meetings
BE-Board Work Sessions